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## Oregon Hay Stocks

### Oregon

Hay stocks on Oregon farms and ranches on May 1, 2004 totaled 377,000 tons, up 11 percent from the previous year. The increase in part can be contributed to higher hay production in 2003 and an early spring. December 1, 2003 stocks were 2,395,000 tons.

### Pacific Northwest

Pacific Northwest hay stocks on May 1, 2004 totaled 1,292,000 tons, up 3 percent from May 1, 2003. Disappearance of hay totaled 5,495,000 tons from December 1, 2003 to May 1, 2004.

### United States

All hay stored on farms May 1, 2004 totaled 25.9 million tons, up 17 percent from the previous year. This increase was mainly the result of a higher hay production in 2003. Disappearance of hay from December 1, 2003 - May 1, 2004, totaled 84.9 million tons, 5 percent greater than the disappearance of 81.0 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

**On farm hay stocks: Selected states and U.S. 2002 and 2003 crops**

State	2002 crop			2003 crop		
	Production	Dec 1, 2002 stocks	May 1, 2003 stocks	Production	Dec 1, 2003 stocks	May 1, 2004 stocks
	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>	<i>1,000 tons</i>
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>3,407</b>	<b>2,550</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>3,629</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>377</b>
Idaho	5,608	2,824	635	4,950	2,772	445
Washington	3,346	1,600	285	3,603	1,620	470
Pacific Northwest <sup>1/</sup>	12,361	6,974	1,260	12,182	6,787	1,292
<b>U.S. total</b>	<b>150,962</b>	<b>102,978</b>	<b>22,013</b>	<b>157,123</b>	<b>110,752</b>	<b>25,865</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.

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